

TO REFORM THE TARIFF.

The Reform Club of New York Drafts a Measure.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE BILL.

To Be Urged Upon Congress as a Substitute for Present Laws.

Crude Material in General Is Made Free at Duty—Silks and Woollens Placed at 25 Per Cent—Most Provisions Made Free.

New York, March 22.—A special committee of the Reform club of this city has completed the draft of a bill which, when perfected, will be urged upon Congress as a substitute for the present tariff laws and the fulfillment of the pledges under which the Democracy obtained control of the national government. The general principles upon which the proposed tariff is formed, in main, are as follows: Crude material in general is made free of duty. In taking other articles the general object has been to fix such rates as would produce the largest amount of revenue in a series of years, consistent with large importations, the purpose of obtaining the largest revenue, however, to be limited by consideration of the welfare and necessity of the people at large and especially the poorer classes.

All duties are made strictly ad valorem, except some of those which are levied as compensatory for an internal revenue tax on similar articles produced at home. In order to insure the present administration of ad valorem tariff it is essential that the rates of duty upon the great mass of articles should be kept at very moderate figures. On other articles experience has shown that duties cannot be raised above 25 per cent. without offering dangerous incentives to fraud. A few articles of luxury may be excepted from the operation of these general rules.

All foreign articles which if made here would be subject to internal revenue taxes must of course be subject to at least equal tax. As to liquors and tobacco the duty on them should be made with a view of obtaining the greatest possible amount of revenue without any concern as to whether we give or withhold protection to domestic producers. Yielding in part to the popular opinion that silk is a luxury, we have placed silk manufactures generally at 25 per cent. Silk yarns, thread and sewing silk are placed at 20 per cent. and spun and thrown silk at 15 per cent. Leather goods, such as shoes, bags, etc., are placed at 25 per cent. Leather gloves and all other gloves except silk placed at 25 per cent. schedule. Tin plates should certainly not be taxed more than 20 per cent. and perhaps not more than 15 per cent. Manufactures of wood in its most finished forms is placed in the 20 per cent. schedule, as are also books. Most provisions are made free of duty but some which partake in a mild degree of the nature of luxuries are put in the 20 per cent. schedule while breadstuffs are made free. Potatoes are left subject to a duty of 15 per cent. Domestic books could not be admitted without the consent of the domestic publisher and foreign books copyright here could not be admitted at all. On the other hand, so long as paper, binding materials and machinery is taxed it is not just to make competing books free. The demand for revenue may turn the scale and 10 per cent. will probably be the revenue duty.

It would be exceedingly desirable to have no specific free list but make everything free which was not made expressly subject to duty. All articles upon which the revenue collected is too small to pay for collection and upon which it is not probable any more reduction of rates would produce substantial revenue are placed on the free list. The proposed tariff would produce an immediate revenue of \$120,000,000 if not more.

Existing duty of one and one-half per cent on refined sugar should be retained. It is suggested that a specific duty of seven and one-half per cent might be imposed on raw sugar, which would produce an additional revenue of probably \$15,000,000 besides reducing the bounty by \$2,000,000. To this, however, one of us is entirely opposed, and three express no opinion. The amount of revenue which would be produced by a duty so large as to make a full discussion of the propriety of a tax necessary.

CONDITION OF THE MONTEREY.

Irving M. Scott, Her Builder, Makes a Statement Denying Stories.

New York, March 22.—Irving M. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union Iron works of San Francisco, says the published attacks that have been made upon the company regarding the condition of the new coast defense vessel Monterey, are untrue. Scott makes a statement, of which the following is a part, over his own signature: "The story as published in the east is absolutely false. The Monterey, from the time the pluck of her screws was altered and everything done which was required to make her a success. She exceeded her power by 400 two hours and the last two hours, owing to the inability to keep the circular gratings of the coal boilers in as good condition as the Scotch boilers, the steam pressure fell off so we averaged less than required. The statement about all further trials being called off is absolutely false and the Monterey lies in the navy yard in perfect condition ready to go to sea at any time, so far as her machinery is concerned.

GREAT RAILWAY PROJECT.

The Canadian Pacific Is Soon to Get Into New York.

New York, March 22.—The Times says a railway project is being quietly pushed along which is designed to let the Canadian Pacific road into New York independently of other trunk lines which terminate here. Mr. White, with money and credit back of them have organized the Canadian Pacific railway and Hudson company with a capital of \$10,000,000. Surveys have been made and most of the rights secured for the line from Ogdensburg via Schenectady to points on New York and Newark bays, and it proposes to begin the work of construction very soon.

Captain Bassett Will Remain.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—At the caucus of Democrats which nominated the ticket for Senate officers, it was agreed that certain Republicans should not be disturbed. Among them are the venerable assistant doorkeeper, Isaac Bassett, and Assistant Floorkeeper Charles B. Reade.

Miss Dolittle's Long Trip.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Miss Bessie Dolittle, who will travel all over this country and into Mexico without a change of ears, left for the west tonight over the North-

western road. She goes first to Portland, Or., and expects to be back in Chicago April 10.

TO IMPEACH A JUDGE.

The Minnesota Legislature Is After Circuit Judge Brill.

St. Paul, March 22.—The house is now after Judge Brill, who is accused of having reprimanded one of its members improperly. Hilmer Horton, the member from Ramsey county, had a suit pending as receiver, to which Judge Brill assigned him and late yesterday he was taken to the court by the court for some reported remarks in the legislature. The criticism seemed to irritate the members of the house, and last night and this morning there was considerable talk of citing Judge Brill to appear before the bar of the house to answer for his rapinment to the legislature. This afternoon the house appointed a committee to inquire into the conduct of Judge Brill, with a view of impeaching him. Christopher and Thomas O'Byrne, attorneys for the coal combine, are also charged with language unbecoming gentlemen, and they are ordered excluded from the floor of the house.

WASHINGTON RELICS.

Another of the Numerous Sales Begins in New York.

New York, March 22.—Another of the numerous sales of Washington relics that have been held here in the past few years began today. An autograph letter of Washington's, written from Mount Vernon Dec. 13, 1790, one day before his death and the last letter he ever wrote, was sold to the Historical society of Pennsylvania, for \$50. Washington's secretary and book case sold for \$2,000; card tables for \$200 apiece and the dining table for \$385. A French spionnet with bell and drum attachment that belonged to Nellie Custis brought \$1,400. Mr. Washington's music books, most of the words and music of which were written by her, sold for \$190.

LITCHFIELD DISASTER.

An Investigation Shows the Boilers Are Intact—Verdict of the Coroner.

LITCHFIELD, Ill., March 22.—Investigation of yesterday's fire and explosion has shown the boilers to be intact, yet observers are loth to believe that flour dust was the cause of the explosion. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in the case of J. J. Connelley, finding him not to blame for his death and holding the accident as unavoidable. Nothing has occurred to change the previous estimate of the loss. In addition to other losses fully \$10,000 worth of glass was broken in the town.

Heavy Damage Caused by Flood.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 22.—Brooks in the river in this county during the high water of the last few days have resulted in the inundation of nearly forty thousand acres of land. The loss is nearly \$1,000,000.

The high waters of yesterday have receded, excepting from the low lands, but the floods have left the basements full of water and the streets in bad condition.

THE COLUMBUS CARAVELS.

Great Rejoicing in Havana Over Their Safe Arrival.

HAVANA, March 22.—The arrival of the Columbus caravels, Nina and Pinta, was made the occasion of great rejoicing. Last night the residence of the general of marine was brilliantly illuminated as also the warships in the harbor. Thousands of people visited the caravels during the day and night. The American and Spanish flags were displayed everywhere upon the shipping, and the officers of the American warships were the recipients of many courtesies.

RUINED BY HAIL.

Portion of Oklahoma Visited by a Furious Storm.

EL RENO, O. T., March 22.—This city and the surrounding country was visited tonight by a ruinous hail storm. All the windows were broken and the streets flooded two inches deep with ice and water. Roofs were broken, fruit trees ruined and some stock killed. The spectacle was grand and terrifying. The hail came down in perfect sheets, causing people to flee for their lives. Fortunately, however, none were injured.

OBITUARY RECORD.

A Prominent Kansas City Man. KANSAS CITY, March 22.—Thomas Orr, aged 72, one of Kansas City's most prominent men, died late last night of paralysis. He came to this country from Ireland in the thirties, and was one of the Western pioneers. He came to Kansas City from Davenport, Ia., twenty-five years ago.

Room for Only Two Parties. ATLANTA, Ga., March 22.—In an interview today with Hon. Thomas F. Winant, People's party ex-congressman, he announces that there is room for only two great parties, and says if the Democrats carry out in good faith their platform and act accordingly, Hon. Thomas Watson, the most notable third party leader in Georgia, takes the same position.

Registering Chinese. NEW YORK, March 22.—Although the time for registering will expire in a little more than a month Internal Revenue Collector Berlin said tonight that only four Chinese had complied with the law so far. In Chinatown the feeling is strong against enforcement of the law.

Yesterday's Steamship Arrivals. Liverpool—Michigan from Boston. Southampton—Havel from New York. Livara—Rugia from New York. Philadelphia—Switzerland from Antwerp. Southampton—Paris from New York.

NEWS NOTES.

Ex-United States Senator Saulsbury died at Wilmington, Del., yesterday. The World's fair \$300,000 appropriation bill passed the New York assembly yesterday and now goes to the governor. John W. Mackay passed a good night; slept well; pulse and temperature normal and he shows steady improvement. The Morning mine at Mullan, the second largest in the Coeur d'Alene district has shut down on account of high freight rates.

Owing to her husband's continued illness, Mrs. John W. Mackay will probably sail from London for New York on Saturday.

L. Skinner, a wealthy farmer living near Salem, Or., was lured out of \$2,500 today by two strangers who used the familiar tin-box methods.

The national association of Democratic clubs has issued a notice recommending simultaneous celebration on the 13th of April next, the birthday of Thomas Jefferson.

Secretary Morton has appointed Judge Henry A. Robinson of Detroit, Mich., president of the agricultural department, vice J. P. Dodge, whose resignation has been accepted to take effect April 1.

The police of Rome deny the statement sent out yesterday by the Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle in London that six bombs were thrown in the city yesterday. They admit however that two exploded bombs were found by them on Charlie Mitchell, Jim Hall, and Teddy Bailey, private secretary of the late Squire Abington, and his valet, Monk, sailed yesterday for England on the Mafeking in charge of the body of Squire Abington Baird.

STRIKING ENGINEERS.

A Member of the Grievance Committee Examined in Court.

He Denies the Existence of Any Secret Laws Governing Strikes, But Gets Badly Tangled Up.

TOLLEDO, March 22.—The hearing of the Lake Shore strike in the United States court was continued this afternoon. J. B. Watson, Lake Shore engineer and member of the brotherhood grievance committee, who had been summoned to bring into court all the rules of the order on the subject of boycott, but furnished nothing but a set of by-laws that threw no light on the secret work of the brotherhood, was the first witness. Just after he stated most emphatically that he knew no other secret laws governing the strike question, rule No. 12, as follows, was read:

"That hereafter where an issue is sustained by the grand chief and carried into effect by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, it shall be recognized as a violation of his obligation for a member of the brotherhood who may be employed on a railway running in connection with, or adjacent to said railway, to handle property belonging to said railway or system in any way that may benefit said company with which the brotherhood is at issue, until the grievance or issue, of whatever nature or kind, is amicably settled." Watson's explanation was that he had not properly understood the questions of the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Another fact that will have great bearing on the case was made known yesterday when it was known that all the strikers attacked, only two were members of the brotherhood. Affidavits were introduced by the defense signed by each of the strikers in which they swore that he resigned from the employ of the company before reading Ricks' order; that he quit work of his own free will and accord and not at the solicitation of the brotherhood.

Watson was recalled and after a great deal of evasion admitted that any member of the brotherhood who refused to strike after having been ordered by the chief to do so was liable to expulsion from the order and forfeiture of life insurance and all benefits attached to membership. The examination will be continued tomorrow.

Wood Songs. Ask me not why—I only know. I went by land I could show. The cause as for a lesser thing. Remember how we searched the spring. But found no source—so clear the air. Within its earth-bound depths did lie. Give to the joy its wings. Let thy heart its song nor try With questioning. The throbbing throat that sings.

For in thy clear and steadfast eyes Thine own self-wonder deepest lies. Nor any words that lips can teach Are sweeter than their wonder-speech! And when thou givest them to me, Through dawns of tenderness I see, As in the water sky. The sun of certainty appear. So ask me why. For then thou knowest, dear. —Arthur Sherburne Hardy in Scribner's.

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Mrs. E. J. Rowell, Medford, Mass., says her mother has been cured of Scrofula by the use of four bottles of SSS after having had much suffering and being reduced to a low condition of health, as it was thought she could not live.

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